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**COMMISIONERS** 

**BOB STUMP** 

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NO. 741-459D.

IN THE MATTER OF THE

APPLICATION OF THE ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO

**UPGRADE AN EXISTING CROSSING OF THE)** 

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY AT

MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AAR/DOT

15<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX.

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DOCKET NO. RR-03639A-14-0385

DECISION NO. 75025

RESPONDENT UNION PACIFIC'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO COMPLETE CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS AT 15<sup>th</sup> AVENUE IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX

Respondent Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific"), by and through its attorneys undersigned, hereby requests additional time to complete the crossing improvements at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Phoenix, Arizona, which were ordered by the Arizona Corporation Commission on April 23, 2015, in Decision No. 75025. Union Pacific requests an additional six (6) months to complete the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing improvements. Union Pacific submits that there is good cause for its extension request because the crossing improvement's construction schedule has been slowed by various factors, including contractor's and other stakeholder's work schedules, Union Pacific's materials procurement and project planning efforts, and the availability of Union Pacific's crossing construction gangs. See Declaration of Union Pacific Manager of Public Projects Alex Popovici, attached as Exhibit "A".

Before filing this extension request, Union Pacific informed Arizona Department of Transportation's railroad liaison, Mr. Jason Pike, of Union Pacific's need for additional time. Mr. Pike is aware of Union Pacific's construction schedule and has not voiced any objections to the

1 requested extension. Union Pacific also informed ACC staff and their counsel of Union Pacific's 2 need for additional time to complete the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing improvements. 3 The Commission ordered Respondent to complete the upgrades by July 23, 2016, fifteen 4 (15) months from the date of the Order. Since Union Pacific cannot complete the project by July 5 23, 2016, additional time is requested. 6 Accordingly, Union Pacific therefore requests that the Commission extend the July 23, 7 2016 deadline in Decision No. 75025 six months to January 23, 2017. 8 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this / 4 day of June, 2016. 9 BEAUGUREAU, HANCOCK, 10 STOLL & SCHWARTZ, P.C. 11 12 By: Anthony J. Hancock 13 W. Reed Campbell 302 East Coronado Road 14 Phoenix, Arizona 85004 Attorneys for Respondent Union 15 Pacific Railroad Company 16 17 ORIGINAL AND THIRTEEN COPIES of the foregoing filed this 14 day of 18 June, 2016, with: 19 **Docket Control** 20 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street 21 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 22 COPY of the foregoing mailed this (4 day of June, 2016, to: 23 The Honorable Scott M. Hesla 24 **Hearing Division** 25 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1200 W. Washington Street 26 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 2 **COMMISIONERS** DOUG LITTLE, Chairman 3 **BOB STUMP BON BURNS** 4 TOM FORESE ANDY TOBIN 5 6 DOCKET NO. RR-03639A-14-0385 IN THE MATTER OF THE 7 APPLICATION OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DECISION NO. 75025 8 **UPGRADE AN EXISTING CROSSING OF THE)** UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY AT DECLARATION OF ALEXANDER 15<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX, POPOVICI IN SUPPORT OF UNION MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AAR/DOT ) PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY'S 10 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME NO. 741-459D. TO COMPELTE CROSSING 11 IMPROVEMENTS AT 15<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE 12 13 Alexander Popovici, being first duly sworn upon his oath, states as follows: 14 15 I am over the age of eighteen, and I have personal knowledge of the facts stated 1. 16 herein. 17 I am employed by Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") as Manager 2. 18

- of Industry and Public Projects and I have responsibility for the State of Arizona.
- The Arizona Corporation Commission approved Arizona Department of 3. Transportation's ("ADOT's") application to upgrade the existing railroad crossing at 15th Avenue in the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. See, Arizona Corporation Commission Decision No. 75025.
- The Arizona Corporation Commission ordered that all crossing improvements be 4. completed within 15 months of the Decision No. 75025 adoption date, or July 23, 2016.

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- 5. The project has proceeded slower than originally anticipated due to contractor schedules, project planning, and construction crews' availability.
- 6. Since Union Pacific is unable to finish the crossing's improvements before the July 23 deadline, additional time is needed to ensure that Union Pacific can safely complete the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing improvements.
- 7. Union Pacific has advised Applicant Arizona Department of Transportation's ("ADOT") railroad liaison, Mr. Jason Pike, of Union Pacific's need for additional time. Mr. Pike has informed Union Pacific that ADOT has no objection to Union Pacific's brief extension request.
- 8. Prior to filing this extension request, Union Pacific, through its attorneys, has also advised Arizona Corporation Commission staff and attorneys of Union Pacific's request for a six (6) month extension to complete the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing improvements.

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